

Dormition of Our Lady Greek Orthodox Church, 1-3 Taliska Avenue, Hamlyn Heights Statement of Significance May 2025

Heritage Place:	Dormition of Our Lady Greek Orthodox Church, 1-3 Taliska Avenue, Hamlyn Heights	PS ref no:	HO2055
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What is significant?

The property at 1-3 Taliska Avenue, Hamlyn Heights, otherwise known as the Dormition of Our Lady Greek Orthodox Church, is locally significant to the City of Greater Geelong. Elements of significance are:

- The 1987 church.
- The bell, housed in the belltower.
- The original boundary fence on the northern elevation of the site.
- Unpainted exterior brick surfaces.

Non-significant elements include:

- The rear hall.
- Hard landscaping in the carpark.

How is it significant?

The Dormition of Our Lady Greek Orthodox Church is of representative and social significance to the City of Greater Geelong.

Why is it significant?

The Dormition of Our Lady Greek Orthodox Church is of representative architectural significance to the City of Greater Geelong as a highly intact example of a substantial Greek Orthodox Christian basilica-planned church. This style of Greek Orthodox Christian church is informed greatly by Byzantine influences and utilises a rectilinear gabled form with two square towers, rounded-arch loggia, curved apse and chancel and the use of rounded-arch windows. The Church at 1-3 Taliska Avenue, Hamlyn Heights, features all of the above key design traits representative of that style of Greek Orthodox Christian Church design. (Criterion D)

The Dormition of Our Lady Greek Orthodox Church is of social significance to the local Greek Orthodox community, as a place of spiritual and social gathering. Since its construction, conducted and funded exclusively by members of the congregation, the Dormition of Our Lady Greek Orthodox Church has been the cornerstone of the local Greek Orthodox community in the City of Greater Geelong. (Criterion G)

Primary sources

Dormition of Our Lady Greek Orthodox Church, author: Benjamin Petkov, September 2024, peer reviewer: Mim Butcher, The Heritage Conservancy, May 2025.

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